

Notice of Acute Surface Water Turbidity Violation

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets minimum water quality standards for public drinking water. One of these standards is a turbidity limit. Turbidity by itself has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may also indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms can be particularly severe in people who are not as resistant to infections as most of the population. If you experience severe symptoms, please consult with your doctor to determine what actions you should take.

The **City of Breckenridge** failed to meet the minimum treatment technique requirements on **December 30, 2013**. Specifically, the turbidity level of our treated water was above 1.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Unit.

The elevated turbidity level was caused by a fault in the automatic operation of the filtered water pumping system that caused a backpressure situation in the online filtering system. Turbidity levels were elevated for approximately 15 minutes until the system was returned to normal operation.

If you want more information about the nature and significance of this violation, you may contact **Scott Bills** at **(254)559-2398**.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.